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Reorganization Approved; Malone Permanent Head

In twin action, the State Game and Fish Commission has elected Albany attorney Rosser Malone its permanent director and has ordered a sweeping reorganization of the Game and Fish Department.

The reorganization order came hard on the heels of Malone's unanimous election as permanent head of the Department after serving for 10 months as its acting director. Commission chairman Beverly Langford of Calhoun praised Malone "on the good job you've been doing as our active director." Other members of the Commission also expressed confidence in

the 57-year old Malone, who served on the Commission when it was first created by legislative action in 1943.

In a separate action, Governor Carl Sanders reappointed three members of the Commission to new 7-year terms. They are Coweta County tax commissioner Bill Camp of Newnan, representing the new 6th Congressional District; Lithonia businessman Charles Davidson Jr., representing the new 4th District; and Albany realtor Richard Tift, 2nd District.

Describing the reorganization plan as "far reaching in scope," Chairman Langford indicated that if the plan is implemented to its fullest, "it will really be a new day, a great day, for the Georgia Game and Fish Department."

New Regions

Langford said that under the new organization plan, a new assistant department director will supervise all field activities of the Commission, including the present law enforcement, game management, and fisheries divisions. The State will be divided into four geographical areas, each under the supervision of a trained, experienced region manager who will report to the assistant director of the field services division in Atlanta.

A second new assistant director would be in charge of most headquarters functions in a new program planning division, which would prepare budgets, draft regulations and policies, and handle public information and research functions of the Department.

The reorganization plan is designed to decentralize control of the everyday functions of the Department to a working field level, rather than having all minor administrative decisions made in Atlanta. In addition, it would promote cooperation and unify field services which have tended to duplicate themselves in the present three separate divisions of law enforcement, game management, and fisheries.

Asked when the new jobs would be filled, Langford said the Commission would select men to the new posts at their next meeting from experienced, trained personnel already with the Department, based on the recommendations of Director Malone.

Dove Bag Limits Go Up; Split Season, Noon Hours

Georgia dove hunters will be able to shoot two extra doves a day this year.

Announcing dates and regulations for dove shooting this fall, the State Game and Fish Commission noted that federal regulations this year increase the dove daily bag limit to 12 over last year's 10, with a similar increase in the possession limit from 20 to 24.

weather and a good nine foot tide.

Wilson's Snipe — Nov. 27, 1964-Jan 15, 1965. Daily bag limit 8, possession limit 16, sunrise to sunset.

Woodcock — Nov. 27, 1964-Jan. 15, 1965. Daily bag limit 5, possession limit 10, sunrise to sunset.



Georgia dove populations registered an increase this spring, even though an estimated two million doves were bagged by hunters last season.

Duck Season

Seasons on migratory waterfowl, including ducks and geese, cannot be set until the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service supplies the Game and Fish Commission with this year's framework for the duck season. This usually happens by the 1st of September.

Seasons also set by the Commission with doves include several less-common migratory birds generally confined to the Georgia coast:

Marsh Hens (Rails and Gallinules), Sept. 18-Nov. 26, 1964. Daily bag limit 15, possession limit 30, shooting hours from sunrise to sunset. This year's season is two weeks later to catch cooler

New Public Hunting Area Established at Whitesburg

The State Game and Fish Commission has announced the establishment of a new public hunting area near Carrollton.

Known as the Whitesburg Public Hunting Area, the region consists of approximately 26,000 wooded acres of pine and hardwood ridges located on private timberland around Whitesburg on U. S. 27.

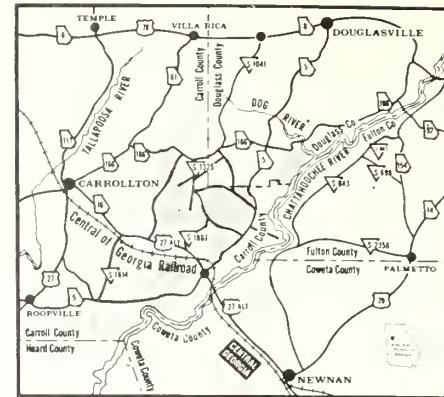
The new area will be open this fall to the general public for hunting any game animals in season in Carroll and Douglas counties. No permit will be required in addition to the normal State hunting license.

C. V. Waters of Calhoun, game biologist of the Game and Fish Commission in charge of the project, says that the area promises to provide hunters with good quail and rabbit hunting along seeded firebreaks and controlled burn areas, with squirrel hunting in numerous hardwood coves.

The area is under strict protection from Commission rangers, who are especially keeping their eye on 24 deer from the King Ranch in Texas which were stocked in the area last year. Under federal aid requirements, the area must remain closed to deer hunting for at least five years until the deer herd builds up.

Natural Food

According to Waters, Commission management practices on the area coincide with the region's primary function of timber production. By assisting the land-owners with controlled burning and the construction of fire breaks and fire control, Waters says production of good annual weed food crops are being stimulated while clearing out secondary growth, thus holding down serious fire hazards and stimulating tree production.



Map of Whitesburg Area

Water Deaths Up Over 1963 Period

If present trends continue, law enforcement officers of the State Game and Fish Commission are expecting an overwhelming increase in the number of accidental deaths on Georgia waters this year.

Based on reports of the Commission's rangers, marine accidents occurring on Georgia's inland and coastal waterways during the first six months of 1964 showed a comparatively sharp rise over last year's total for the same period.

Rangers reported 23 more mishaps during the period from January to July this year, with 99 fatal and non-fatal water accidents and drownings as compared to 76 last year.

Boating accidents and boat-related drownings showed the most alarming increase, rising from 36 last year to 54 this year, including 41 fatalities, or 17 more than in 1963.

On the other hand, non-boating related accidents, including swimming, fishing, and wading, registered a drop from last year. 46 of these deaths by drowning were listed by rangers, against last year's 52.

Marine Toilets

One of the duties assigned the new board by the General Assembly is setting up standards for marine toilet sewage treatment and holding facilities for houseboats and cabin cruisers on Georgia waters. When the standards are established, inspectors of the Board will enforce the regulations. However, this will probably be a matter of months while the new board is being organized.

At its first meeting July 9th, the Board elected Health Department Environmental Health Branch Director Roy Boston as temporary interim executive secretary of the Board. As one of its first actions, the Board ordered the New Riverside Ochure Company of Cartersville to present its plans for halting heavy siltation of the Etowah River below Allatoona Dam.

In other pollution actions, the State Health Department, the City of Millidgeville, and Baldwin county have announced plans for a three million dollar sewage treatment facility for wastes entering the Oconee River below Lake Sinclair from the State Mental Health Hospital. The City of Gainesville says plans are underway to construct a one and one-third million dollar addition to its Flat Creek sewage treatment plant on Lake Lanier, which has become over-loaded.

Board Members

Other members of the board and their terms are: Former Augusta mayor Millard Beckum, director of the Augusta Chamber of Commerce, representing commerce, four year term; Swainsboro city finance officer H. C. Edenfield, agriculture, one year term; Ted M. Forbes Sr. of Atlanta, executive vice-president of the Georgia Textile Manufacturer's Association, industry, two year term; Clarke County Commissioner Hugh Logan, county government, four years; Macon Mayor D. F. Merritt, municipal government, three years; and Dalton City Engineer V. D. Parrott Jr., member at large, two years.

Although the Director of the State Game and Fish Department was a member of the old Water Quality Council, the Game and Fish Commission does not have an official representative on the new pollution board. The Commission does not have any legal pollution control authority.

Higher Totals

Since many pool and home drownings are not reported to wildlife rangers, authorities with the State Department of Health say the total drowning figures for Georgia during this period will probably go considerably higher when official coroners' reports are compiled.

With thousands of new boaters flocking to Georgia's waterways, Commission personnel are stressing the need for more safety education and enforcement. Commission rangers are available for safety programs, and a boating safety film, "Safe Play" is also available from the Commission, along with copies of a new edition of Georgia's boating safety laws, motorboat registration requirements, and new waterway markers.

POND RENOVATION

Information on pond renovation and restocking is free on request from the State Game and Fish Commission, 401 State Capitol, Atlanta, Ga. 30334.

Walleye Discovered In Lake Lanier

The sudden exciting appearance of scattered walleye catches in Lake Lanier this summer is giving the Game and Fish Department's fisheries division good reason to believe that their three-year walleye stocking efforts on the 38,000 acre impoundment may be starting to pay off.

The biologists are encouraged by the discovery of at least four authenticated walleye catches ranging in weight from one to three-and-a-half pounds, as well as reports of many others in recent months. Fisheries chief Howard Zeller says that there are now good indications that a strong walleye population may already be present in Lanier.

Zeller and a team of biologists working on the Lanier program suspect that a good percentage of small-size yellow perch reported by Lanier fishermen last summer could have actually been walleye pegged mistakenly as yellow perch, since at fingerling size the two are barely distinguishable by the untrained eye. As one to three pound adults however, the olive-green coloration of the brassy walleye, as well as his sharp-pointed teeth and split dorsal fin, set him well apart from the bronze-toned, distinctly barred and toothless yellow perch.



The walleye gets its name from its large, extremely-light sensitive eyes, which are well adapted for deep water but cause him to avoid shallow water during the daytime.

Primarily a winter fish, walleye usually spawn in late February or early March. During spawning season walleye are easily caught clustering around rocky points in about twenty feet of water casting with dollfies and other deep-water lures. The best catches are made while the walleye run up feeder streams, such as the Tugaloo River above Lake Hartwell and the Toocoo River on Blue Ridge.

Longer Buck Hunt Set On State Managed Areas

"Double your money's worth to bag a buck."

That's the story for prospective deer hunters on the State game management areas this fall.

Announcing the dates for this year's managed hunts on 10 areas, the State Game and Fish Commission says hunters will be able to hunt for six consecutive days on the same five dollar permit. In past years, the five dollar permit was good only for a two-day or three-day period of buck hunting.

This year's six day buck hunt will run from November 23rd through November 28th, 1964, on the following nine areas: Blue Ridge, Cedar Creek, Chattahoochee, Chestatee, Clark Hill, John's Mountain, Lake Burton, Lake Russell, and Warwoman game management areas. The Suwanoochee area hunt will be delayed until the holiday week of December 28th, 1964, through January 2nd, 1965, to encourage a better hunter turnout.

Either Sex Hunts

The one-day only either sex hunt on a separate five dollar permit will be held November 30, 1964, on the following seven areas: Blue Ridge, Cedar Creek, Chattahoochee, Chestatee, Clark Hill, Lake Burton, and Warwoman.

Hunters may use all firearms legal for deer hunting in the regular season, except that buckshot will not be allowed on any area except Suwanoochee. Rifles and shotgun slugs will be barred from the Suwanoochee hunt.

Due to the increase in the deer bag

limit to 2 bucks over the entire State or 1 buck and 1 doe in Southwest Georgia, hunters who have killed only one deer during the open season will be allowed to participate in the managed hunts. However, only one deer may be taken during the managed hunts by a single hunter.

Check-in times will be from noon to ten p.m. on the Sundays before the hunts open on Monday, and daily during the hunts from five in the morning to eight at night.

Archery Hunts

This year's bow and arrow hunts will be from November 16th through November 21st, 1964, on Blue Ridge, Clark Hill, and John's Mountain. Permits will be \$5.00 per hunt. Archers must have the regular bow and arrow license.

Regulations on both the bow and arrow hunts and the regular gun hunts remain essentially the same as last year, except for changes in general hunting regulations governing the entire season.

In addition to the deer hunts, small game hunting for squirrel and grouse

Hear Georgia Outdoors On Radio!

Keep up to date on the outdoor news as it happens, week-by-week, on *Georgia Outdoors*, the 15 minute weekly radio program of the Georgia Game and Fish Commission, heard on the following Georgia stations:

TOWN	CALL LETTERS	FREQUENCY	DAY & TIME
Albany	WLYB	1250 kc.	Saturday, 1:15 p.m.
Albany	WJAZ	960 kc.	Wednesday, 3:00 p.m.
Adel	WAAG	1000 kc.	Sunday, 7:30 a.m.
Americus	WOEC	1290 kc.	Sunday, 8:15 a.m.
Americus	WISK	1390 kc.	Saturday, 10:00 a.m.
Ashburn	WMES	1570 kc.	Sunday, 2:00 p.m.
Athens	WOL	1470 kc.	Saturday, 1:15 p.m.
Athens	WGUA	1340 kc.	Saturday, 5:30 a.m.
Atlanta	WAKE	1340 kc.	Sunday, 9:45 a.m.
Atlanta	WPLQ	590 kc.	Sunday, 7:30 a.m.
Baxley	WHAB	1260 kc.	Wednesday, 6:45 a.m.
Blackshear	WBGS	1350 kc.	Saturday, 6:30 a.m.
Blakely	WBK	1260 kc.	Saturday, 8:00 a.m.
Bremen	WWCC	1440 kc.	Saturday, 8:45 a.m.
Brunswick	WGIG	1440 kc.	Friday, 6:15 p.m.
Brunswick	WMOG	1490 kc.	Portions used
Cairo	WGRA	790 kc.	Tuesday, 10:45 a.m.
Calhoun	WGCA	900 kc.	Tuesday, 3:00 p.m.
Cedartown	WGAA	1340 kc.	Saturday, 1:15 p.m.
Claxton	WCLA	1470 kc.	Wednesday, 6:45 a.m.
Clayton	WGHC	1570 kc.	Friday, 12:45 p.m.
Cleveland	WRWH	1350 kc.	Saturday, 12:45 p.m.
Commerce	WJJC	1270 kc.	Saturday, 5:45 p.m.
Cordele	WMJM	1000 kc.	Friday, 5:45 p.m.
Cornelia	WCQN	1450 kc.	Saturday, 1:15 p.m.
Covington	WGFS	1430 kc.	Sunday, 2:45 p.m.
Dalton	WBLJ	1230 kc.	Monday, 6:30 p.m.
Dalton	WRCO	1430 kc.	Saturday, 1:45 p.m.
Decatur	WGUN	1010 kc.	Saturday, 5:05 p.m.
Douglas	WOMG	860 kc.	Sunday, 5:00 p.m.
Dublin	WXLI	1230 kc.	Saturday, 12:45 p.m.
Fitzgerald	WBHB	1240 kc.	Sunday, 6:15 p.m.
Gainesville	WOUN	1240 kc.	Saturday, 1:15 p.m.
Gainesville	WLBA	1580 kc.	Friday, 9:35 a.m.
Glenville	WKIG	1580 kc.	Monday, 6:45 p.m.
Griffin	WHIE	1320 kc.	Sunday, 5:30 p.m.
Griffin	WRIX	1410 kc.	Saturday, 1:00 p.m.
Hartwell	WKLY	980 kc.	Saturday, 9:45 a.m.
Hawkinsville	WCEH	610 kc.	Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.
Hinesville	WGML	990 kc.	Friday, 12:45 p.m.
Jesup	WBGR	1370 kc.	Saturday, 1:00 p.m.
Lafayette	WLFA	1590 kc.	Saturday, 12:45 p.m.
LaGrange	WLAG	1240 kc.	Saturday, 12:45 p.m.
Louisville	WPEH	1420 kc.	Thursday, 10:40 a.m.
Lyons	WBBT	1340 kc.	Tuesday, 6:00 p.m.
Macon	WCRY	900 kc.	Sunday, 10:00 a.m.
Macon	WMAZ	940 kc.	Thursday, 12:40 p.m.
Madison	WYTH	1250 kc.	Saturday, 5:00 p.m.
Milledgeville	WMVG	1450 kc.	Saturday, 5:30 p.m.
Miller	WGSR	1570 kc.	Saturday, 1:30 p.m.
Nashville	WNAG	1600 kc.	Monday, 7:00 a.m.
Newnan	WCCH	1400 kc.	Saturday, 1:00 p.m.
Ocilla	WSIZ	1380 kc.	Saturday, 6:30 a.m.
Quitman	WSFB	1490 kc.	Saturday, 12:15 p.m.
Rome	WLAQ	1410 kc.	Saturday, 6:00 a.m.
Rome	WRGA	1470 kc.	Monday, 5:30 a.m.
Sandersville	WSNT	1490 kc.	Wednesday, 3:15 p.m.
Savannah	WEAS	900 kc.	Saturday, 1:00 p.m.
Savannah	WTDC	1290 kc.	Friday, 7:45 p.m.
Smyrna	WSMA	1550 kc.	Sunday, 8:30 a.m.
Statesboro	WWNS	1240 kc.	Saturday, 5:45 p.m.
Summerville	WGTA	950 kc.	Tuesday, 5:45 a.m.
Thomaston	WSFT	1220 kc.	Sunday, 12:45 p.m.
Thomasville	WLDR	730 kc.	Sunday, 1:15 p.m.
Thomasville	WPAX	1240 kc.	Saturday, 6:15 p.m.
Thomson	WTWA	1240 kc.	Saturday, 11:15 a.m.
Tifton	WTIF	1340 kc.	Sunday, 1:30 p.m.
Tifton	WWGS	1430 kc.	Saturday, 7:00 p.m.
Toocoo	WLET	1420 kc.	Thursday, 4:45 p.m.
Valdosta	WGAF	910 kc.	Wednesday, 7:10 p.m.
Valdosta	WJEM	1150 kc.	Saturday, 6:30 a.m.
Vidalia	WVOP	970 kc.	Tuesday, 6:00 a.m.
Washington	WKL	1370 kc.	Saturday, 5:10 p.m.
Waycross	WAYX	1230 kc.	Saturday, 7:00 a.m.
Waynesboro	WBRO	1310 kc.	Tuesday, 3:00 p.m.
West Point	WRLO	1490 kc.	Saturday, 5:00 p.m.

will be open on Fridays and Saturdays from December 11th through December 26th, 1964, on the four areas of Blue Ridge, Chattahoochee, Chestatee, and Lake Burton. Small game hunt permits will be \$2.00 per day, in addition to the regular State hunting license.

Camping is allowed on all the State management areas. Complete copies of the management area regulations are available from the State Game and Fish Commission, 401 State Capitol, Atlanta, Georgia, 30334.

High Falls Marks Third Anniversary

The State Game and Fish Commission's largest public fishing area has marked its third anniversary of renewed popularity with Georgians as a nearby retreat from the metropolitan world.

Known to local residents as High Falls Lake, the 650-acre impoundment above the scenic falls of the Towlaliga River near Griffin was donated to the State of Georgia in 1961 by Bowaters Southern Paper Corporation of Calhoun, Tennessee.

Since then, High Falls has entered its most rapid period of development as a recreation center in its 60 year history as a favorite "fishin' hole" of Georgia fishermen from Macon to Atlanta and beyond.

While High Falls is best known as a good bream and catfish lake, it also boasts excellent bass and crappie fishing. Biologists of the Game and Fish Commission are making a concentrated effort to successfully introduce white bass and threadfin shad into the one-time power impoundment to produce even better fishing.

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Using matching State-federal funds, the Commission has developed extensive picnic, camping, and boat launching facilities on the lake for fishermen and family groups.

Photographic Favorite

Perhaps the most unusual attraction the area holds for visitors are the natural water falls which give the lake its name. The panorama of rare, spectacular beauty created by the rushing waters of the Towlaliga plunging off the steep rocky incline into the plains below has long been a favorite of amateur and professional photographers alike. Winding hiking trails through the tall pines characteristic of High Falls draw many Scout and youth groups, as well as ordinary hikers. While swimming is not allowed in the lake itself, wading on the shallow rocks below the dam is a popular pastime of youngsters.

Fishermen are assured of uninterrupted angling, since motors on the lake are restricted to seven and one-half horsepower or less. Individuals may use their own boat and motor, or rent the boat alone from private concessions on the lake. These concessions also carry snacks and bait.

Located about 16 miles southeast of Griffin in Lamar, Butts, and Monroe counties, High Falls is little more than an hour's drive from Atlanta or Macon on Georgia Highway #36 between Jackson and Barnesville. For information on fishing or camping, visitors may contact Bob Carter, High Falls Manager, Route #3, Jackson, Georgia; telephone number 994-6127.



The view from the main picnic area below the High Falls Dam is unmatched by any other Middle Georgia recreation area.



The cascading beauty and deafening roar of High Falls are a magnet to thousands of sightseers, picnickers, and hikers every year from all parts of Georgia.

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